

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus capable of obviating several difficulties such as the shear of superposed multiple color images in the vertical scanning direction, prolonged image forming
5 periods resulted from rotating an intermediate transfer member as many times as image superposition, and undue complication of light beam scanning means caused by incorporating plural light deflecting means for exclusive use for each visible image forming units. These improved capabilities are embodied in a
10 multiple color printer, for example. The image forming apparatus includes at least a plurality of process units each including development means for developing to visualize latent images held on photoreceptors, light scanning means for forming the latent images through deflecting light by means of a
15 deflecting means, and an intermediate transfer member, in which the light scanning means is configured to carry out light scanning onto the photoreceptors such that at least one neighboring pair of the plurality of process units are subjected to light scanning by one single deflecting means, and the
20 intermediate transfer member is adapted to be rotated over two rounds such that the surface of the transfer member is superposed thereon with plural visible images each formed by the same out of the respective process units during each round.